

Work Session Minutes 4/21/14

Present: Rich Correa, Ellen Lohsen, Pete Musse, John Sansone, Gerry Tonner, Dino Kostantakis, Don Morrell, Janet Galligan, John Perkins, Manny Triggiano, and Mike Oppido

BOE/Borough Portion

Mike Oppido, Athletic Director

The new Athletic Director at DHS Mike Oppido introduced himself.

- Encouraged Rec to consider requiring coaches to take free online courses in Concussion, Heat Acclimatization and Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment annually through NFHS as is required of High School volunteer coaches. Gave links to Ellen.
- Told us about DHS's scheduling program RSchool that costs \$350 annually. Mike will find out if Rec can have administrative rights to view the schedules. Is willing to show us how it works either at DHS or here with a laptop and projector so we can consider ordering it for us.
- For facility requests Ellen will provide a list of coaches for that sport—boys and girls both if there's a possibility of them switching as for Basketball.
- Rec doesn't have to submit a new request when there's a switch within a sport.
- Would like to see Rec working with the high school to keep kids in town instead of going to private schools. Elmwood Park did it.

Manny Triggiano, School Superintendent

- AED training—offered their nurses' services for training. HIB is going to be required. All BOE fields and gyms have AEDs about 8 of them—will get more.
- Lots of Dumont good coverage in the papers lately due to Mike's public relations efforts.
- DHS will lease part of the field to PSEG for a year in exchange for a new Mud Hut—a fence will be put up in the meantime and it will still be operational. Plus a health center with a weight room. Will be voted on at Thursday's BOE meeting. Project Adventure apparatus will be taken down. When they're done they'll put everything back. For the new hut design may include a storage section for Rec. Will be a substantial size. Will affect Jr. Football's use of that piece of the field.
- Had a good meeting with Ellen, Mike, Pete, Brian Joyce and Kevin Cartotto about BOE gym scheduling and security.

John Perkins, Borough Administrator

Memorial Park:

- Macadam looks great—DPW did it. Little League Field warning track area along first base, batting cages and warm-up pitching area are not done yet. Waiting for pricing from TriState to repair damage—will be charged back to fencing contractor.

- Are having security cameras re-installed at Memorial. Can be aimed at bathrooms and at building where the AED may be stored.

Gina's Field: TriState working on estimate for multiple layers of improvements there.

AED law: we will be required to have defibrillators at all parks by September though all our police cars have them. About 2 months ago had meeting with BOE and Police Department about it. Need to determine if the ones at Gina's Field and Columbia's Field are working.

- Coaches need to be trained and have access to it.
- Where to put them?
 - If behind closed doors security cameras should be aimed at them.
 - If stored in a cabinet with a combination—police could have the code.
 - If freestanding outside how can we keep it safe from kids and weather?
 - If portable at police department coaches need to return it after use.
- Need to discuss how many we want and funding—no grants available.
- \$800 for unit, \$1500 with a cabinet—who pays the borough or Recreation?
- Would one cover Gina's Field, Twin Boro and Swim Club? Would Little League share theirs?
- Would Bedford need one?
- Will ask JIF for recommendations
- Need to be certified to use—police, school nurses could do training

Recreation Board Portion

Scheduling: Discussed how much gym time rec and travel basketball teams need. Discussion ensued about whether to limit travel teams for the younger kids and focus on teaching fundamentals.

Twin Boro Shed: Jamie O'Neill would like to buy a tin locker for Girls Softball to put next to the shed. There's enough room in the shed for both Men's Softball and Girls Softball. There was a lack of communication about his request.

Summer Rec:

- **Director:** Gerry reported that we interviewed two candidates for the director's job. The commission decided on Marc Ferrara, math teacher at Honiss.
- **Assistant:** Discussed how Ellen can cover both responsibilities of summer rec assistant and Recreation Director jobs. She'll be at camp daily, then come back to office to take care of other Rec matters. Assistant director job will be paid as a stipend. Director gets paid for rainy days. Assistant won't get paid for rainy days since she'll be in the office.
- **Shirts:** ordering from Bauer's.
- **Sign-ups:** May 5, 12, 19 and 29 from 6 to 8. Plus a date in June for latecomers.
- **Parents Packet:** should include calendar, heat advisory warning and concussion info.

Trailers by Rink: Don suggested a prefab, maintenance-free storage building to replace what's there. Will bring estimates for next meeting.

Sean Lissemore Camp: Gerry spoke to him—can do the free clinic June 28th at the DHS turf field. Hut will be available. Ellen will put the request in.

Smell at the Hut: Billy Bowen will reconfigure grease trap to alleviate the problem.

Soccer Trailer: Got letter from Tim Downing giving it to Recreation.

Park Dedication: Ceremony on Sunday April 27 from 1 to 3 to rename it to Dawn M. Totten Field. Mayor Jim Kelly will read a proclamation. Plus speeches and Janet suggested releasing purple balloons. DJ and light refreshments.

Tennis Racket and Balls Donations: Barry Ruback donated several child-sized rackets and used tennis balls. Has 68 kids in the program. Discussed charging him next year. Borough will resurface Memorial Park courts when it's over 55 degrees.

*Submitted by Ellen Lohsen
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